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Dear Bud,

I have waited several days to address the most recent in your series of unprincipled assaults upon the prospects of doing anything about the assassinations in order not to write you in the anger I then felt if I did not let it show during your meeting of your Ripoff Associates.

Prior to it when you spoke to me about Belin you said someone on the Hill is interested. Perhaps it was in the press. Anyway, I offered you help. I will still provide this help, but not through you. If you want the person you had in mind to be informed, refer him or her to me. I will provide what I believe is definitive as it addresses Belin's integrity and intentions, and I'm not talking about what has been used, which I can also provide.

There is nothing you planned and did for Monday's gathering of the under-informed and misinformed that was not unprincipled and wrong-headed. It was, as the lawyer in you should have told you, also untimely because this case you were combining to steal is still in the courts and any interference can seriously jeopardize what can still be done. If you had - any of you - ever made a real study of the evidance or acquired any real understanding of it, aside from principle and ethics you'd have stayed entirely out of this or consulted with Jim, who is handling it and has kept you informed, or with me.

When you represented me in the first suit I regard what you did as unethical on that basis alone. I will do nothing about this and I don't care what the canons say. I'm talking normal human conduct and morality only.

You put Jim in an impossible position of conflict of interest if only keeping your latest scheming from him. I found out about this only after the end of the working day Friday, from a New York magazine.

Typically, your gang demonstrated its incompetence in public all over again.

Being crooks rather than experts they didn't even know what to do or how to do it. Cyril's press release is a monument not only to his moral, intellectual and ethical depravity but also to his stupidity and ignorance. But you were part of his overt steaking of my work. Not simply by referring to it or planning to use or misuse it but by knowing better, as all of you except perhaps Joling did, actually palming it off as his. Of course, Jim did the legal work, and very well. Some you were also ripping him off.

Your monster of the malpractice promotion actually rejected two kind and understated attempts to lead him back onto the path of righteousness. And through all of this you, who had represented me, sat silently.

I had asked Herb to be an expert for me in October, when my plans were well along. He had led me to believe he would. I therefore sent him the spectro and a letter in March. He never responded but he gave Jim to understand he could not. Yet it turns out that he could. Ethics?

More miserable still is all of this because I'd announced publicly that I would be making a/l this data available to all. Jim had even written some who we knew wanted it. And I'd been backgrounding the press, so it knew. It thereby also knew that you were all attempting to be crooks.

The ripoff of the Memo of Transfer, which you, Cyril and Smith all knew I'd been working on for years and which Cyril first did in the NYU nuttery, was in some ways even more despicable. You can all of you be Kennedy haters unto the 10th generation. That is your right. But you have no right to corrupt fact to this end. Cyril's constant bleating that the Kennedys suppressed, of which you make yourself part, is another depravity of the mind and another whitewashing of those who were really responsible. Combined efforts over the years finally got him to understand who Evelyn Lincoln was and represented, but he had to make on that still was not true and then add the lie that Bobby signed all these contracts. You, personally, know better and you personally stage this kind of obscenity?

You are impervious to reason, you twist everything in your mind and you engage in only the self-defeating. When you have something good you fuck it up. You spent a fortune on your abortion, the CTIA, and accomplished no single good and much that was harmful. So now you align yourself with another crook and self-promoter, Lane, with all you've said of him in the past and all you know of him?

If in all of this you do not ruin yourself it will be a marvel and it will not be your fault. I don t see how you've survived what you have done already, except that nobody wants you to be hurt.

Somehow you'll distort all this in your twisted and twisting mind sick with an ambition you are not competent to live up to. You'll ignore all the real chances you had and could have had, all the crazy things you have done and said and been part of, and you'll conceive the victim of the rape to be an attractive nuisance.

If you can't cope with yourself, nobody can help you and my days of doing it are over. Protecting you from yourself and accomplishment are mutually exclusive now.

You appear not to have given thought to what was in my NYU speech, to the radical departure it is from my decade of silence on this and to what should have been a clear reading on my intentions. I can't say what I can do but I clearly enough signalled what I feel called upon to attempt and why. Your answer was this truly despicable attempt to steal Jim's and my work before it was completed and before we could release it properly, to the end that all of you professionals who can't advertise would get free advertising from it.

As I've written Cyril, I'm not going to crusade against him. But his record in this entire matter is enough to ruin him the first time he is a witness and some lawyer has the disposition to check his record out. He has to be crazy to pull his Billy Sunday stuff and to flaunt his ignorance at the same time. You have to be crazy not to see and understand this and what it means to what you pretend to be for. Although I was still quite ill I wrote him a detailed and vigorous letter after his NYU dirty-works and strongly cautioned him against another repetition. He and you and others made the decision you will all now have to live with. You certainly made mine for me. And you all have more than adequately prepared me for any need.

I'm genuinely sorry for you,